

4-H Newsletter 3/19/2021



Top Shots Scholarship



Ashland County Top Shots Scholarship
Due to Extension Office by April 15, 2021

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Members must be currently enrolled in the Top Shots and have been a member for a minimum of 3 years.
2. Current High School Senior
3. Student to be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall; field of study not limited.

PLEASE ATTACH:

1. Current Transcript.
2. Letters of Recommendation (2 total) from Non-Family Members.
*Please instruct person writing to omit your name, parents' names, church you attend, school you attend and other specifically identifying details.

OTHER:

1. Scholarship money of up to \$750.00 will be awarded in varying amounts, depending on number of applicants.
2. On a separate paper please write a 250-word essay on the impact participation in this shooting sports program has had on your life.
3. Each application will be given a number and checked for eligibility. The essay and reference letters will be given to a panel of judges who will make the final decision.

Junior Fair Board

The Ashland County Jr Fair Board is looking for dedicated, active and hardworking members! Must be age 13-18 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

[Jr. Fair Board Information and link to application](#)

Goat News

Any Exhibitor bringing a Lamancha Goat as their market project please be aware of the new tagging requirement.

Each Lamancha Market project will be required to bring the scrapies tag for that animal to the June 1st tagging/weigh in day. The Goat Committee will provide a collar that will be attached with the scrapies tag and market tag, which the goat committee provides. The Goat Committee will provide the collar this year only. The exhibitor will be required to provide the collar and scrapies tag themselves starting next year for each Lamancha Goat market project. If the exhibitor does not provide their own collar the Goat Committee will have collars available to purchase. If there are any questions, please contact someone on the Goat Committee.

County Wide 4-H Dog Organizational Meeting

There will be a 4-H Dog project organizational meeting for those 4-H/FFA members who do not belong to a dog club on Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds. Dogs welcome!

This meeting is geared towards first year members, but is open to any 4-H/FFA member taking a dog project that does not belong to either Paw Pals or Barker Bunch 4-H Club. Contact Laurie at the Extension Office for more information.

We offer Obedience, Rally, Agility and Showmanship instruction, but most of all, quality time with your beloved pet!

Tractor Certification

Medina County Extension is offering a Tractor Certification course this year. Registration costs \$60 and includes class materials and lessons. Participants must be age 14 by the time of course completion to receive certification. Registration deadline is April 2nd, and class orientation is April 10th. There are six classroom Saturdays, April 17– May 22 Promptly start at 8:15am and end at 12:30pm, (1:00pm May 22 for Testing) and a driving test day TBA. Classroom sessions will take place at Medina County Agricultural Society – Fair Office 720 W. Smith Rd., Medina 44256.

[Tractor Certification Information Link](#)

OSU Stay Connected Guidelines for Clubs and Events

4-H Clubs and Committees may meet in person in groups under 50 to conduct business of an educational purpose while following current Ohio State University guidelines. Please click the link below for detailed information on these guidelines, signage and more.

[Current OSU guidelines](#)

Any events, other than meetings, need to be pre-approved through an exception process. Volunteers, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible if you are planning an in person clinic or event.

Lamb Tagging

Anyone who needs their market lamb tagged before the tag in day on June 1, please contact Darlene Schuck at 419-606-5847.

4-H Horse Project

Horse packets are now available for pick up at the Extension Office. These packets include: 4-H Horse registration, Outstanding Horse member form, member/parent agreement , PAS information and the Horse project By-laws.

Please note that the member/parent agreement and 4-H Horse registration must be turned in to the Extension Office by June 1 OR participation in a 4-H show or clinic, whichever is first.

FIRST YEAR HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS will also need to complete horse safety and ethics training.

This is done in three steps:

1. Purchase and read the Horses, Safety and You book at the Extension Office.

2. View 2 DVD's, Every Time, Every Ride and Horses, Kids and Ethics. These DVD's may be loaned out from the Extension Office. **OR** instead of viewing these DVD's, you may choose to complete EquiStep, an online horse safety and ethics course from Ohio State. See the EquiStep link below.

[EquiStep](#)

3. Sign the Horse Safety and Ethics Training form in the project book and return to the Extension Office by June 1 or your first participation in a 4-H horse show or clinic.

Turkey Order & Give-a-way



It is time to order your 2021 Market Turkey! If you plan to show a market turkey at this year's fair, you must order your turkey through this order form. Breed turkeys do not have to be purchased through this program – members may get their breed turkey on their own if they wish but remember, they must be a Heritage breed.

Click the links below for more information and the order form.

Orders are due postmarked and paid by Friday, March 26. If you mail your order and payment to Amy Pickering, please send her a text to let her know it is coming due to postal delays. Another option this year, is to drop off your order form and payment at the Extension office.

[2021 Market Turkey Ordering Information](#)

[2021 Market Turkey Order Form](#)

The 4-H Poultry Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for all youth who would like to take turkeys this year at the fair. The youth must agree to join 4-H this year and use the turkeys as a 4-H project.

Youth may enter to win both market turkeys and breed turkeys this year! In order to be considered for both classes, youth MUST submit TWO essays, one for each class. Three turkey poultts will be awarded for each class.

Click the link below for more details on this essay contest give-a-way!

[Turkey Essay Contest](#)

Club Leader Login
Before You Start

As a Club Leader, your enrollment must have approved and permissions assigned before you can login to the club.

Steps	Screenshots <i>(Screen appearance may vary per state)</i>
1. Login to 4-H Online with your family's 4-H Online email and password. 2. Locate your name in the list of members in your family. 3. Click the 'View' button next to your name.	
4. Click on Clubs in the navigation pane on the left side of the screen. 5. Click the Manage button for the Club.	
6. Enter the Unit (Club) PIN provided to you by the county office. 7. Click the Login button.	
8. You will be able to download the Club Roster for your Club. Additional functionality will be added soon!	

4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship

The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship was established in 2014 to help out local youth 4-H members towards higher education opportunities. This scholarship will be awarded annually to current active High School Senior members in the Ashland county 4-H program. Ashland County 4-H Committee will be awarding a one-time minimum \$500 scholarship in addition to a Kathy Blackford Scholarship. See the link below for an application.

[4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship application](#)

Quality Assurance

- Youth age 12 or older can test out of their annual QA program for up to three (3) years by passing the QA test.

There is a small and a large animal version. Youth ages 12-14 years old who pass the QA test would need to re-test or complete QA the year they are age 15 as of January 1. Youth ages 15-18 years old who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently.

Any youth interested in taking the Quality Assurance test-out option, please contact the Extension Office before May 1.

- QA instructors who need to recertify this year should have received an email from Scarlet Canvas**, an OSU online course platform with instructions on how to complete your QA instructor recertification online this year. You need to be currently certified to pick up your QA materials.

The QA instructors below need to recertify this year: Some of you may have already completed this online recertification training.

Alicia Ables, Mandy Atterholt, Cassandra Kelley, Linda McCoy, Kate McGovern, Carol Morrison

All other Ashland County QA Instructors will be due to recertify in 2022.

- QA Instructors, please use the link below to request your QA material.

[QA material list](#)

2021 Sheep and Swine Give-Away Essay Contests

The Ashland County 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee is sponsoring two essay contests for all youth who would like to show market lambs or market hogs this year at the fair. To be eligible, youth must agree to join 4-H or FFA this year and use the animal as an Ashland County Junior Fair project.

Click below for a more details.

[Sheep and Swine Essay Contest](#)

27 Days Left to Enroll in 4-H: Enroll Today!

Enroll at this link: [4Honline 2.0](#)

For guidance on how to enroll/re-enroll: [4Honline 2.0 Help Sheet](#)

You may add or change your projects until April 15. From April 15-June1, you will need to contact the Extension Office if you want to change your projects.

Extension Office Hours

Monday 8:30-4pm

Tuesday 8:30-4pm

Friday 8:30-3pm

No appointment necessary.

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